



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

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**Title: PROCESS FOR THE EXTRACTION AND ISOLATION OF INSULIN FROM
RECOMBINANT SOURCES**

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PRELIMINARY AMEDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the Formalities letter that we have received from the Office regarding "NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES" which was mailed on 06 July 2005, a request for additional claim fees of \$6810.00 was made. In the letter, the Office requested that Applicants must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due. In response, Applicants have amended Claim 127 to reduce filing costs only and reserve the right to reintroduce identical claims or similar subject matter in future prosecution. Based on this amendment of claim 127, the additional claim fees of \$6810.00 are not required.

Claim 127 has been amended. Claims 1-129 are pending. The listing of the claims begins on page 3 of this paper. Support for the amendment can be found in the present application. Accordingly, no question of new matter should arise, and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.